

RESOLUTION NO. 06 - 154**A RESOLUTION OF THE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO SUPPORTING THE SALTON SEA AUTHORITY'S WORK ON BEHALF OF RESTORING THE SALTON SEA**

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea is California's largest inland water body with beneficial uses including fisheries and wildlife habitat, recreation, and preservation of endangered species; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea ecosystem is also a critical link on the international Pacific flyway which has supported a productive fishery and over 400 species of birds; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority is a Joint Powers Agency formed under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Powers Agreement dated 1993, and is the primary regional agency for identifying and implementing corrective measures to preserve the beneficial uses of the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority has conducted more than a decade of extensive research and scientific investigation of the Salton Sea and has studied numerous alternative measures to restore and revitalize the Salton Sea; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2006, the Board of Directors of the Salton Sea Authority voted unanimously to adopt the Executive Summary of the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Centro finds that the Salton Sea Authority Conceptual Plan seeks to improve the Salton Sea's wildlife habitats and water quality, spur economic development as well as protect air quality in our region and prevent future water transfers that would further damage the Salton Sea environment; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is currently reviewing 10 options in a programmatic Environmental Impact Report and the Department of Water Resources will select one of the 10 in early 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Salton Sea Authority's Conceptual Plan was developed to serve all stakeholders of the Salton Sea, including those living and working in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys; and

WHEREAS, prior to the formal adopting or implementation of any restoration plan, the project selected will undergo a thorough environmental analysis pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the above and foregoing is true, correct and adopted.
2. That the State of California and the United States Department of Interior are urged and requested to give the Salton Sea Authority's Conceptual Plan for Salton Sea restoration and revitalization priority consideration, by factoring in to any decision the fact that this is the universally accepted plan by elected representatives from this region.
3. That the Salton Sea Authority be designated as the lead regional agency for any plan ultimately chosen by the State of California.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California held on the 20th day of December, 2006.

CITY OF EL CENTRO

By Rosanna Bayon Moore
Rosanna Bayon Moore, Mayor

ATTEST

By Rita M. Noden
Rita M. Noden, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of the City Attorney

By Michael Rod

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF IMPERIAL) ss
CITY OF EL CENTRO)

I, Rita M. Noden, City Clerk of the City of El Centro, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 06-154 was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of El Centro, California, held on the 20th day of December, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Sanders, Solomon, Moore, Edney, Walker;
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

By Rita M. Noden
Rita M. Noden, City Clerk